



## WAIANAE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WAIANAE COMMUNITY CENTER TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Cynthia Rezentes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Awana, Albert Silva, Josiah Hoohuli, James Kelii, Patty Teruya, Neddie Waiamau-Nunuha, Cynthia Rezentes, Alvin Awo, Jo Jordan, Suzanne Leonida, James Manaku and Frank Slocum.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kaipo Pomaikai and Glen Kila.

**GUESTS:** Mildred Kihamahana (Leeward Community College), Pat Patterson, Faye Sheva-Simons (Honolulu Community College), Joyce Kaplan, Steve Rohrmarr, Lt. Bonnie McKewen (HPD), Capt. Mitch Kiyuna (HPD), Dewey Mosley (US Army, 2 BDE, 25 ID), Lawaia Cullen (Troop 125), Christine Cullen (Troop 125), Ronald Yamagata, Cdr. Mark Sevilla (US Navy, NAVMAGPH), Clayton Brown (Board of Water Supply), John Neill, Mona Neill, Kini Kawelo-Polani, Sylvia Dohl, Tulu Toa (WCO), Laura Potolo (WCO), Stanlyn Placencia (WCO), Belinda Anderson (WCO), Ron Sullivan (HIAISTAR), Francis Nishimura (HPD), Alice Greenwood, Russell Nanod (Waste Management), John Kaopua, Francis Keeno (DHRD), Myrtle Kaahaaira, Clara Batumbaine, Emma Meyers, Alice Ling, John Tabangcura, Walterbea Aldeguer, Perri Gomes (Ohana Ola O Kahumana), Franny Navarro (Waianae Community Outreach), Kaui Kapu (Waianae Community Outreach), Philip Placencia (Waianae Community Outreach), Carolyn Holway, Mieko Shintani (HI AISTAR), Shuji Shintani (HI AISTAR), Councilmember Todd Apo, Maralyn Kurshals, Gary Oliva (HECO), Lori Hoo (HECO), Bob Isler (HECO), Ken Shimizu (Mayor's Representative), Matt Miura (Verizon Wireless), Polly Grace and Kelley Santiago (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

7:02 p.m. – Manaku arrived. (9 members present)

**WELCOME/PULE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/HAWAII PONOI:** Chair Rezentes welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kimo Kelii gave the Pule. Al Awo led the Pledge of Allegiance followed Hawaii Pono'i led by Waiamau-Nunuha.

### REPORTS PART ONE:

**Honolulu Fire Department** – Capt. Francis Nishimura reported the following: (1) Statistics for the month of February 2006 include 43 fires, 114 medical emergencies and 60 miscellaneous alarms. (2) Fire Safety Tip: Brush fires cause great damage. Dispose of all fires properly. Make and maintain a 30-foot wide firebreak by clearing vegetation-surrounding structures. Formulate emergency plans. For more information, contact Denise Laitinen of Firewise at 281-3497 or go to [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

7:05 p.m. – Albert Silva arrived (10 members present)

**Emergency Medical Services** – A representative was not present.

**Honolulu Police Department** – Lt. McKewen highlighted the following: (1) Statistics for the month of February 2006 include 3 robbery, 28 burglary, 51 theft, 14 auto theft, 14 theft from vehicle, 79 person, 2 ID theft, 80 motor vehicle collision, 4 DUI, 55 criminal property damage and 1 drug cases. Total arrest for the month in District 8 is 407 (250 adults/157 juveniles). (2) Domestic Violence Awareness: Domestic violence is a plague that is spreading throughout society at an alarming rate. It is believed that police officers spend anywhere from one-third to one-half of their work time responding to domestic violence related calls. Domestic violence cases are made if people lived within the same household for an extended period of time. You do not have to be related to make a domestic violence case. If a person is convicted of domestic violence, first time bail will be set at \$1,000. Any second or subsequent cases bail will start at \$2,000 or higher depending on the number of past cases. If you are a victim of domestic violence you should take the following steps to protect yourself: 1. Keep a bag packed. 2. Set in advance a place to go. 3. Keep emergency cash hidden. 4. If your children are old enough, teach them to



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call 9-1-1. 5. Keep important papers in a locating where you can gain access to them at a moments notice. 6. Manu domestic violence programs are available to help victims, make the contact as soon as possible. 7. Obtain a protective order as soon as possible. The following are a few resources to use: Puuhonua – 522-5535, Domestic Violence Clearinghouse – 534-0040, Legal Assistance – 531-3371 or Legal Aid - 536-4302. Always remember, call 9-1-1 for help.

Questions, comments and concerns: (1) Referring to media clip of police transfers, Slocum questioned the status of HPD staffing. Lt. McKewen reported that the orders for HPD officers were recently published and it seemed as if there is no change in staffing. (2) Kelii questioned procedure when reporting loud boom boxes during late night hours. Lt. McKewen stated that residents should call 9-1-1 with a noise complaint, however HPD cannot issue a citation without witnessing the actual violation. She added that in most instances, the loud music is turned down as the officer responds to the call. The music is usually turned up after the officer leaves. (3) Waiamau-Nunuha reported of illegally parked vehicles near Pua Lane and Nanakuli Ave. HPD will follow-up on the concern. (4) Concern was raised regarding vehicles that are parked on the sidewalk along Lahaina St. A resident noted that children who walk to the nearby elementary schools must walk on the road. (5) Teruya asked HPD to continue monitoring area parks for illegal activity. She noted the need for monitoring at Tracks Beach. (6) Question was raised as to the status of a crossing guard at Waianae Elementary School. It was reported that there are problems with recruitment because of the short work hours. HPD is working on recruitment. (7) Karen Awana presented a lei to Officer Coleman who will be leaving District 8 and replaced by Officer Pacheco.

7:11 p.m. – Awana arrived. (11 members present)

**Waianae Community Area of Responsibility – No report.**

**Weed and Seed – No report.**

**United States Army –** Maj. Dewey Mosley reported the following: (1) If weather permits the Army will do a control burn of the Makua Military Reservation on March 8 for the Makua Environmental Impact Statement. (2) The Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic (MAST) Program will be discontinued beginning April 1, 2006. Tad Davis, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment will visit with residents of Waianae to discuss concerns raised by residents.

7:32 p.m. – Jordan arrived. (12 members present)

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Discussion followed about the board hosting a special meeting with Davis on March 17.

**Teruya moved seconded by Silva to add “Hosting of Special Meeting on March 17 with Tad Davis” to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously, 12-0-0.**

**Hosting of Special Meeting with Tad Davis – Silva moved seconded by Manaku that the board host a Special Meeting with Tad Davis on March 17 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Waianae District Park, Multi-Purpose Room. The motion carried unanimously, 12-0-0.**

**United States Navy –** Cmdr. Mark Sevilla reported normal operations for the month.

Questions, comments and concerns: (1) Bill Aila requested the Navy’s response to the request for additional information regarding the Navy’s role with dumping of munitions offshore. Cmdr. Sevilla will follow-up on the request.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Agenda – Teruya moved seconded by Waiamau-Nunuha to approve the March 7, 2006 Regular Meeting Agenda as published. The motion carried unanimously, 12-0-0.**

**Defer Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 7, 2005 –** The approval of the December 7, 2005 Regular Meeting Minutes was deferred until completed.

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**Defer Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, February 7, 2006** – The approval of the February 7, 2006 Regular Meeting minutes was deferred until completed.

**Treasurer's Report** – No report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Transportation/OMPO** – Awana mentioned attending a meeting held by the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) on Wednesday, February 15 at the Hawaii Convention Center. The meeting was held to discuss the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan and transportation concerns around the State of Hawaii. At the meeting, she conveyed the need for an additional access road on the Waianae Coast.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) On behalf of the Nanakuli community, Kelii submitted various transportation recommendations. Included was a recommendation to possibly mandate large/heavy trucks to utilize only the right lane entering into Nanakuli. The recommendation also requested that large vehicles be weighed for safety on the roadway. Kelii asked to be kept apprised on the status of the recommendations.

**Planning & Zoning** – Teruya distributed information regarding a Conditional Use Permit (Minor) application submitted by Bedminster Oahu, LLC. The applicant is proposing to establish a municipal solid waste (MSW) treatment facility at 87-1650 Paakea Rd. Teruya expressed strong opposition to the project and requested that the issue be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for the board to take a position.

Questions, comments and concerns: (1) Kelii commented that all new landfills on the Leeward Coast be opposed as well as permit renewals for the current landfills. (2) Concerns of illegal dumping were raised about a dumpsite behind Waianae Mall. The concern was referred to Councilmember Todd Apo's Office.

**Parks & Recreation/Parks Beautification** – Jo Jordan reported the following: (1) The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9 at the Waianae Community Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (2) Update on Kaaupuni Park – The lights for the park has been zoned. Currently awaiting approval on building and grading permits.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Question was raised regarding the status of park closures along the Coast. Jackie Spencer reported that HPD could not commit at assisting in enforcing closure hours due to staffing problems. She added that the department felt that without HPD's assistance with enforcement, efforts would enforce closure times be a challenge. Instead, the department will start with focus on selective parks such as Maili and Pokai Beach Parks. Teruya requested that Tracks Beach be considered also.

**Education** – Kelii reported the following: (1) Progress continues to create the Waianae Coast Education Directory. (2) Kupuna Workshops: The committee is working on hosting a workshop to help kupuna understand the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003. More information about the workshop will be announced later. (3) Education Forum – Plans to host an education forum are underway. Currently the committee is in the process of gathering data and constructing a master plan. Assistance is being sought from Bishop Estate and Kamehameha Schools. (4) In response to a concern raised last month about the ingress and egress at Waianae High School, a memo was received from the Governor's Office, who is working on the issue.

**Housing** – Manaku reported that the next committee meeting would be held on March 15 at Waianae District Park from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

(1) The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has planned a hearing regarding the definition of a shoreline on April 6 at the Kalanimoku Building, Room 132. (2) The OEQC has 3 vacancies on its Environmental Counsel. Anyone wishing to fill the vacancy may call OEQC for more information. (3) The Waianae Coast PA'I is hosting a meeting on Thursday, March 9 at the HCAP Building at 6 p.m. For more information, call Anson Rego at 696-7061. (4) The Aloha Aina Earth Day Recycling Community Clean-Up Project #13 will be held on Saturday, March 11 at the Waianae Harbor from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (5) Voter-Owned Election meeting will be held on March 9 at Leeward Community College at 6 p.m. (6) Friends of Waianae Library will host a Used Book Sale on March 24 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the library.

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**Community Concerns:** (1) Kimo Kelii raised the following concerns: (a) Farrington Highway Corridor Beautification Project – Request for a stonewall or fence line be constructed near Black Rock beach, mauka of Farrington Highway. (b) Visitor Center/Community Sign – Request for a visitor center along with a sign labeled “Aloha Kakou – Welcome to the Waianae Coast” be constructed and built as a landmark displaying community pride and aloha. (c) Beautiful Yard Contest – Request the community benefits package fund and maintain (for the life of the Waimanalo Gulch) a beautiful yard contest for each town on the Coast. (d) New location for monthly meetings – A larger facility needed for growing community. (e) Would like the WCNB to begin researching, compiling as well as aggregating all the data from past or present organizations, entities and or agencies that developed a Master Plan for the Waianae Coast. (2) Concerns were raised about the application submitted by Bedminster Oahu, LLC. Residents noted their opposition to the proposal. (3) Concern was raised about homelessness along the Coast and the need to assist those who are less fortunate. (4) AES Ash at Maili Quarry – Requests were made for the Department of Health to look into stopping operation at the site that is assumed to be unhealthy. Endangered species were spotted at the site along with children playing in the water. (5) Lori Wallin of Waianae Elders reported writing a letter to the Mayor regarding Sphere LLC and all landfills on the Leeward Coast. She stated that did not receive a response. In response, John DeSoto reported talking to Carole Cox and explained how Sphere LLC obtained their permit to operate. A heated discussion ensued. (6) Concern was raised about the increase of commercial activity at Mauka Beach. A resident stated that such activity should not be for profit.

**Board of Water Supply** – Clayton Hee reported the following for the month of February 2006: (1) There was one main break on February 3 at the end of Moekolu Street, due to a corroded main. (2) Waianae Valley Road Water System Improvement, Part II – Remedial pavement work remaining. Lualualei Homestead Road: 98% of change order work completed. (3) Nanakuli Reservoir is 25% complete. Nanakuli Ave. Pipeline work is 95% complete. (4) Farrington Hwy. Mains, Phase 1 – The project 40% complete. Work is still suspended while plans or relocation of street lighting ducts are being reviewed by the State DOT. (5) General Water Announcement: Detect-a-Leak Week – Consumer are asked to check their homes for leaks. Checking for property leaks should be integral to your overall maintenance efforts, and can save money by reducing unnecessary water waste in your homes.

**BREAK:** By consensus of the Board, the meeting continued without a break.

9:00 p.m. Leonida left the meeting. (11 members present)

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor's Representative** – Ken Shimizu distributed the Mayor's Newsletter and highlighted the following: (1) Follow-up from last month: (a) Regarding stopping the sale of public housing, a response has not been submitted. (b) The Department of Planning and Permitting approved the reclamation of the Quarry as part of their permit (as a quarry) they must restore the land back to its' original grade. (c) In response to a request to synchronize traffic lights, DTS will check into the possibility. (d) Regarding diverting solid waste from one facility to another, only municipal solid waste can be diverted if permitted by the State DOH. (e) The State Department of Health determines what is or is not unclassified material. (f) The Department of Environmental Services authorizes excess sewage to be processed in Waianae. (g) Factors such as location with respect to aquifers and airports are reasons to disqualify a site from further consideration for deeming a property appropriate for a landfill. Others such as acreage, soil type, proximity to residential areas, traffic, etc. are used to rank alternatives.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Waiamau-Nunuha noted appreciation for changing the lens of traffic signals. (2) Kelii requested a copy of the community benefits package. He noted frustration as this is the fifth month he requested the information. Chair Rezentes reported that it was agreed upon that the item would be placed on the next meeting agenda. Jeff Coelho, Managing Director reported that the City is working on the details of the package and is looking at options of obtaining monies. He added that an update would be given in April. (3) Concern was raised that the traffic lights along the coast need synchronization. (4) Regarding the dumping of excessive sewage in Waianae, Aila raised concern of the chemicals that are being dumped, which is consumed by ocean fish that are later consumed by humans.

**Councilmember Todd Apo** – Councilmember Apo distributed his report and highlighted the following: (1) Budget hearings began on March 6. (2) CIP - \$1 million for various Leeward park improvements and \$75k for Puuohulu

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Park. (3) Synchronization of traffic lights – 60% of traffic loops are not working. (4) Council recently passed two bills to expedite the removal of abandoned vehicles. (5) The City was not monitoring the leach ate at the Waimanalo landfill. Councilmember Apo will continue to oppose landfills on the Leeward Coast.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Teruya provided the councilmember with a copy of Bedminster Oahu, LLC's CUP application. She requested that Apo consistently oppose all landfills as done with Waimanalo Gulch. (2) Concern was raised for the continued need of an emergency access road in Waianae. (3) Kelii noted the need of an additional basketball/volleyball court at Nanakuli Beach Park. (4) Manaku commented on the need for area parks to be connected to a sewer system. He also reported on the need for pigeon and rat irradiation.

**United States Representative Ed Case** – A representative was not present.

**Governor's Representative** – Francis Keno highlighted the following: (1) Regarding the recent flooding across the State, Governor Lingle signed a emergency proclamation for personal and business loans through the Department of Business, Economic, Development and Tourism (DBEDT). (2) Governor Lingle recently returned from a trip to Washington D.C. where she participated in a Bird Flu exercise. Results indicated that Hawaii passed the test.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Awana requested consideration of opening the shoulder lane near Kunia for morning commuters driving to town. (2) Manaku requested the 309 project results. (3) It was reported that the streetlights near Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park is not working. (3) Representative Shimabukuro provided Keno with a letter addressed to the Department of Health and signed by area elected officials, requesting that Pacific Aggregate cease activity as their permits are expired.

**Senator Colleen Hanabusa** – A representative was not present. Chair Rezentes distributed Senator Hanabusa's report and highlighted the following: (1) The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) purposes to subdivide the 3.3536 acre parcel into 21 house lots; install the infrastructure necessary to provide access and utility services; and construct affordable single family homes. The site is located at 85-576B Waianae Valley Road. The Consuelo Zobel Alger Foundation (Consuelo), a Hawaii non-profit corporation, donated the 3.533 parcel of land to DHHL in May 2004, to further Consuelo's goals of providing affordable housing for low-income families. (2) The Department of Taxation in partnership with AARP is providing free tax preparation and assistance in Waianae. The AARP will prepare the federal income tax returns and the Department of Taxation will prepare the Hawaii income tax returns. Assistance can be obtained on Tuesday, April 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Waianae Public Library.

**Representative Michael Kahikina** – Aulani Ahmad distributed Representative Kahikina's report and was available for questions.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Teruya provided a copy of Bedminster Oahu, LLC's CUP application.

**Representative Maile Shimabukuro** – Representative Shimabukuro distributed her report and highlighted the following: (1) The Army is currently seeking public comment on its plan to study potential contamination of fish, limu and other marine resources in the waters off Makua from military activities at Makua Military Reservation. The Army must receive public comments by April 6, 2006. Comments should be sent to Gary Shirakata via email at [Makua-EIS@poh01.usace.army.mil](mailto:Makua-EIS@poh01.usace.army.mil); fax at 438-7801 or by mail at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu Engineer District, Bldg. 230, Fort Shafter, HI 96858-5440. (2) Legislation from Representative Shimabukuro: Education – HB 1884 provides funds for a teacher position to serve public school students from around Oahu passed 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and Finance Committee with amendments; HB 2925 provides grants to community-based entrepreneurs through technical and financial assistance, passed 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and Finance Committee; HB 2930 HD 1 establishes a pilot project in Waianae to designate areas in public parks for using plants and trees for traditional gathering practices, passed 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and Finance Committee with amendments.

Questions, comments and answers: (1) Teruya provided a copy of Bedminster Oahu, LLC's CUP application.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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**Verizon Wireless request for support for a cell phone antenna in Waianae Valley** – Matt Miura of Cascadia PM provided the board with revised plans regarding the installation of a cell phone antenna in Waianae Valley. In response to concerns raised last month regarding the proposed location being too close to residential homes and the need for camouflaging, Miura reported that decision was made to relocate the antenna to a private property across from the original proposed location. The new site is located on Chen Farm, a 14-acre site located away from residential housing. He also reported that the company would ensure camouflaging of the antenna to match its surroundings.

Questions, comments and concerns: (1) Various Waianae Valley residents still disagreed with the revisions, raising concerns of radiation and electronic interference. (2) Jordan stated that objects to agricultural lands be used for such purpose. (3) Perry stated opposition to the project in fear that additions to the antenna would be later added. (4) Albert Silva commented working on a Lualualei antenna site for 20+ years and not being affected, health wise. (5) Kelii commended Miura for adhering to the community concerns and support the revised plans. (6) Teruya asked for consistency from the Board after hearing opposition to the project. She added that the board recently supported the same type of project done by another company.

10:00 p.m. – The Neighborhood Assistant left the meeting.

Submitted by:

Kelley Santiago  
Neighborhood Assistant

**The Neighborhood Assistant left the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Board Secretary Teruya took the remaining minutes.**

7.2 **Housing Solutions - Terry Brooks**, President, Housing Solutions Incorporated along with Stanlyn Placencia, Executive Director of Wai'anae Community Outreach provided the board with a brief history of the proposed Wai'anae Supportive Housing Project.

The proposed Village of Hope a transitional housing of 20 studio apartments would be managed by Wai'anae Community Outreach. The purpose of this project is to assist and focus to the people who have no housing. The healing concept would allow the transition our homeless/houseless people from the beach parks into housing and be self sustain.

The other proposal Seawinds Apartments is an affordable housing 30 2-bedroom apartment project and managed by the Housing Solutions Incorporated. The organization has been in business since 1986 for over 20 years working with public housing for a much more permanent housing solution.

Questions: 1) Who would keep up the maintenance of the facility? 2) Ms. Grace to support this project and this is one of the many solutions to work with our homeless families that are on the beach parks and cannot afford homes; 3) has an EIS for this project completed? 4) Safety issues.

**Manaku moved Waiamau-Nunuha seconded that the Wai'anae Neighborhood Board No. 24 support the Housing Solution proposed project.**

**The Board discussed the motion and decided that the project should be presented to the Homeowners Association before taking any position. This item would be on the April agenda.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 HECO Request for Support of the Draft EIS for a Campbell Industrial Park Generating Station Project – Mr. Bob Isler**

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Campbell Industrial Park Generating Station project was completed.

- The deadline for public hearing comment on the DEIS is March 28, 2006

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- The copy of the DEIS is available on the heco.com website
- The DEIS covers environmental issues related to construction (short term) and operation (long term) of the following: generating facility in Campbell Industrial Park; 2-mile long water line bringing reclaimed water from the Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Facility to the Kahe Power Plant.

**Teruya moved seconded by Waiamau- Nunuha to support the HECO Request for the Draft EIS for a Campbell Industrial Park Generating Station Project. 9-0-0. The motion carried.**

**Without any further business, the board adjourned at 10:40 p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

**Patty Kahanamoku Teruya  
Secretary/Treasurer**